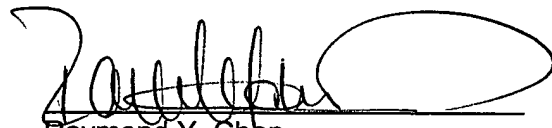


REMARKS-General

1. Upon review of the original specification, the applicants has amended the specification which is deemed to more clearly and distinctly describe the subject matter of the instant invention, and which provides full antecedent basis to the amended and newly drafted claims. No new matter has been included in the specification.
2. The claims 1 to 5 are amended to be of sufficient clarity and detail to enable a person of average skill in the art to make and use the instant invention, so as to be pursuant to 35 USC 112. The newly drafted dependent claims 6-20 include further limitations previously brought forth in the disclosure. No new matter has been included.
3. The applicant submits that the claims 1 to 20 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention, as pursuant to 35USC112.
4. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed in order to place the application in condition for allowance, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

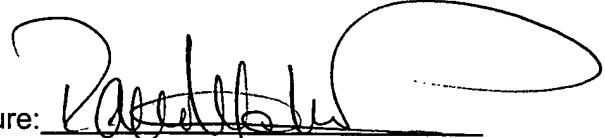


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